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GIFT PLANNING: LEAVING A LIVING LEGACY — UD SEES CHARITABLE BEQUESTS ON THE RISE

DAYTON, Ohio — Kathleen C. Daly hadn't been back to the University of Dayton until she came to campus for her 25th reunion. She had so much fun then and is so impressed now with the School of Business Administration, she named UD as a \$50,000 beneficiary of her estate.

"Though I hope they don't collect it for a while," joked Daly, a senior vice president and chief financial officer at Messer Construction Co. in Cincinnati.

She and 34 other eventual donors will be inducted into UD's Leo Meyer Society on Thursday, April 24, in the Boesch Lounge at UD Arena.

In this fiscal year, the University has realized \$4.3 million in charitable bequests and in the last five years, \$27 million. The Leo Meyer Society, designed to honor such donors, was founded in 1992 and now numbers close to 500 households.

Gifts amounting to nearly \$1.5 million will be announced at the induction ceremony. The University will receive \$1 million, designated for a visual and performing arts center, from the estate of Martha Walter. She took continuing education courses in the arts, and this is the second installment of more than a \$2 million bequest. A \$218,000 bequest from the estate of Vera Langen, wife of 1926 graduate Edward Langen, is designated for athletic scholarships, a \$200,000 bequest from the estate of Stanley Blackledge, a 1949 graduate of UD, has been earmarked for the science center project and a \$50,000 bequest from the estate of Mary Keller, sister of alumnus Joe Keller, will benefit the Immaculate Conception Chapel.

"People can determine their legacies with a bequest," said Regis Lekan, assistant vice president for gift planning. "It's a way to make a meaningful commitment to the University that maybe they can't afford to do during their lifetimes. The family is still provided for, but the University is in there too. They say, 'I wouldn't have been able to accomplish what I have in my lifetime without the University of Dayton, and I want to repay what I've received.' They get to a point in their lives where they recognize the responsibility to give back."

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